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7 Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

8 Draft Environmental Impact

9 Statement/Section 4(f) Evaluation

10 Banana Patch Community Meeting

11 January 24, 2009

12 Alpha Omega Church

13 Honolulu, Hawaii

14 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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17 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT

18 OF

19 BANANA PATCH COMMUNITY MEETING

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24 BEFORE: NANCY P. BLANKENSHIP, CSR NO. 459

25 Certified Shorthand Reporter

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16:05:14 1 HEARING OFFICER HAMAYASU: Good

16:36:28 2 afternoon. I am Toru Hamayasu, the Second Deputy

3 Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department

4 of Transportation Services.

5 We are starting the formal segment of

6 today's neighborhood meeting.

7 We have come to your community to give

8 you an added opportunity to comment on the Draft

9 Environmental Impact Statement and other related

10 issues. We are conducting this added measure because

11 this is the only neighborhood along the transit

16:36:59 12 alignment that will be displaced by the project.

13 We are here to collect comments related

14 to the proposed transit project regarding:

15 1. The Draft EIS;

16 2. Section 106 of the National Historic

17 Preservation Act process;

18 3. Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department

19 of Transportation Act;

20 4. Right-of-way acquisition; and

21 finally,

22 5. Floodplains affected by the project.

16:37:29 23 For your convenience, we have a court

24 reporter to record your spoken testimony. Your

25 comments will be included in the Final EIS and the

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1 City's responses to your comments will also appear in

2 the Final EIS. Revisions to the EIS will be made, as

3 appropriate, based on the comments.

4 If you wish to comment in writing at a

5 later date, written testimony may be mailed to the

16:37:58 6 Department of Transportation Services office or faxed

7 to (808)523-4730, to DTS by February 6th, 2009; and

8 testimony can be submitted online by February 6, 2009

9 at www.honolulutransit.org.

10 Those who wish to provide comments,

11 please step forward and state your name for the record
16:38:28 12 before you begin your comment.
13 Anyone wish to make a comment? If you
14 have something -- this is the really easy way for you,
15 we thought, that today you speak to the court reporter
16 and you don't have to write.
17 Yes, sir.
18 MR. IRWIN KAWANO: My name is Irwin
16:38:58 19 Kawano. What I wanted to ask was, when is this going
20 to take place? When do we get the appraisal so we
21 know how much money we are going to get and by when we
22 have to move out, you know? That's, I think, the
23 basic question that we got to know right now, if
16:39:24 24 possible.
25 HEARING OFFICER HAMAYASU: Thank you.
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1 Anybody else wish to make comments, ask questions?
2 This is going to be recorded in the Final EIS and we
3 will be responding to you on that EIS document.
16:39:50 4 MS. EVELYN KAWANO: I'm Evelyn Kawano and
5 I would like to know how the fair market value is
6 determined as to the property and the house?
7 HEARING OFFICER HAMAYASU: Yes. Thank
8 you.
16:40:36 9 I know it's kind of hard to come out and
10 speak, but if you have any comments, I'll ask the
16:40:58 11 court reporter to stay here so you can come here and
12 talk to her direct. Okay.
13 Why don't we take a little time out and
14 see if you would like to speak to her directly. Let's
16:41:10 15 do it that way.

16 Okay. We will be here after this for the
17 question and answer. So, you know, if you agree, I
18 can shut down this formal comment period. Is that
19 okay?

20 MS. YADAO: If nobody else wants to make
21 a comment for the record. And, again, you have all
16:41:58 22 the other options available to you, if you like to,
23 but if you want to get it over with now, she's right
24 here. We want to make it as easy as possible for you.

25 MS. EVELYN KAWANO: I want to make one
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1 more then, because I'm looking at the home prices now
16:42:26 2 and it seems as though the prices are lower, so are we
3 able to go and look on our own, also, and have someone
4 appraise our property earlier if we find something?
5 Or how soon can we go out and we can go and look for
16:42:56 6 homes on our own?

7 HEARING OFFICER HAMAYASU: Okay. It is
8 about quarter to 5:00 and I would like to close the
9 formal comment period.

10 Thank you very much.

11 (Meeting concluded at 4:43 p.m.)

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4 I, Nancy P. Blankenship, Certified Shorthand

5 Reporter, in and for the State of Hawaii, certify that

6 the foregoing proceedings were reported

7 stenographically by me at the time and place

8 indicated.

9 Given under my hand on this the 12th day of

10 February, 2009.

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